

## **Receipt of Funds from Various Agencies and Implementation of Science Reviews (Consent Calendar)**

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**Summary:** The Delta Science Program seeks approval to accept federal and state funds to provide requested consultative scientific advice and peer review. In addition, approval is requested to amend an existing contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), which has processed similar scientific contracts for the Science Program over recent years.

**Requested Action:** Direct the Executive Officer to enter into agreements with the USGS, USBR and NMFS to receive funds for consultative scientific expert advice and review services and amend the existing agreement with ABAG to provide such services extending the term of the ABAG agreement and increasing the amount by \$674,258 to a new total of \$974,258.

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### **Background**

The Delta Science Program currently receives funding from the United States Geological Survey to retain independent scientific experts relating to aspects of the Delta ecosystem. The USGS wishes to augment the agreement for additional scientific workshops and symposia. In addition, the Delta Science Program recently received requests from the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the National Marine Fisheries Service for the hiring of scientific expert advice and review services. These services are critical for scientific components required by the OCAP Biological Opinions and needed for development of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

The Council previously directed the Interim Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the Department of Water Resources to receive Prop 84 funding for Delta Science Program research grants. This grant program requires the services of independent scientists for peer review of grant proposals. Both USBR and NMFS are developing agreements to transfer these funds to the Council.

The Delta Science Program has a long standing relationship with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to process the solicitation and execution of contracts for independent science experts. The existing contract with ABAG has a cap of \$300,000 and is set to expire June 30, 2011. The Delta Science Program and the federal agencies would like to amend the ABAG contract to 1) extend the term for an additional year (to June 30, 2012), and 2) increase the contract cap by \$674,258 to provide for the additional services needed, making the new contract cap \$974,258.

As shown below the majority of the funding being added to the contract will be provided through receivable agreements with USBR, USGS, NMFS, and DWR. The current Delta Science Program and Council budget authorizes such programmatic activities; only the dollar amount is increased.

No significant revision to the Statement of Work for the existing ABAG contract will be required.

### **Fiscal Information**

All funds for additional science expert consultative support will come from federal or state reimbursements; if such reimbursement is not received, the contracts will not be executed.

### **Amendment Fiscal Summary**

<b>Subcontracts / Tasks</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Review of BDCP logic chain and effects analysis	\$188,316	USBR
OCAP BO Reviews	\$98,000	NMFS
2010 PSP Reviews	\$250,000	DWR (Prop 84)
Science Program Workshops and Symposia	\$50,000	USGS
Subtotal	<b>\$586,316</b>	
Administrative Support	\$87,942	Prop 50
Funds added to ABAG contract via this amendment	<b>\$674,258</b>	
Existing contract cap	\$300,000	
<b>Total (amended contract cap)</b>	<b>\$974,258</b>	

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